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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CRIMMINS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (MRS. CARTER)

SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT BY MRS. CARTER

REF: A. BRASILIA 2789

B. STATE 077204

1. AMBASSADOR SCARABOTOLO, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, HAS CALLED ME IN BEHALF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER, TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING:

A. THE GOB ACCEPTS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THE PERSONAL OR PRIVATE PART OF MRS. CARTER'S VISIT AND ASSURES THAT SHE WILL BE GIVEN EVERY ATTENTION. SCARABOTOLO MENTIONED HER BEING RECEIVED BY MRS. GEISEL AND MRS. SILVEIRA. HE ALSO REFERRED BRIEFLY AND VAGUELY TO THE EXPECTATION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CONTACTS WITH THE PRESS.

B. AS FOR THE OFFICIAL ASPECT OF THE VISIT, THE GOB CANNOT GIVE AN ANSWER UNTIL IT KNOWS WHAT SUBJECTS WILL BE RAISED, THAT IS, WHAT THE AGENDA MIGHT BE, AND WITH WHOM MRS. CARTER WOULD
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WANT TO MEET. SCARABOTOLO EMPHASIZED THAT THE KEY QUESTION WAS: WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE VISIT?

2. SCARABOTOLO OFFERED TO MEET WITH US TOMORROW (MONDAY) IF WE WERE IN A POSITION TO TALK IN MORE DETAIL.

3. COMMENT: AT BEST THE REPLY IS CAUTIOUS AND REFLECTIVE OF BRAZILIAN UNEASINESS ABOUT THE UNORTHODOXY OF SUCH A VISIT; AT WORST, IT IS SUSPICIOUS AND UNGRACIOUS. THE FACT THAT THE MATTER WAS PLACED IN PROTOCOL CHANNELS SUGGESTS AN INTENTION TO GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF TREATING THE VISIT AS A ROUTINE MATTER. I BELIEVE FURTHER THAT IT IS INTENDED TO SIGNAL THAT THE GOB IS NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT OFFICIAL CONTACTS EXCEPT ON ITS OWN TERMS. IN A BROADER SENSE, THE REPLY REFLECTS, I BELIEVE, THE GOB'S SELF-CONFIDENCE, NOT TO SAY COCKINESS, AS A RESULT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS THAT SEEM ALL TO BE MOVING IN ITS FAVOR: ABOVE ALL, THE FRG DECISION ON THE TRANSFER OF PLANS; THE SHOE DECISION; THE PRESUMED SOFTENING OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS; THE LIMITED FOREIGN REACTION TO THE HARSH POLITICAL MEASURES ADOPTED INTERNALLY; AND THE APPARENT SUCCESS OF SIMONSEN'S VISIT TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT THE GOB ATTRIBUTES THESE DEVELOPMENTS TO ITS TOUGH STAND AND THAT, INDEED, AS SILVEIRA PREDICTED AFTER THE U.S. ELECTION, THE U.S. HAS TO "DIGEST" OR SWALLOW BRAZIL.

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